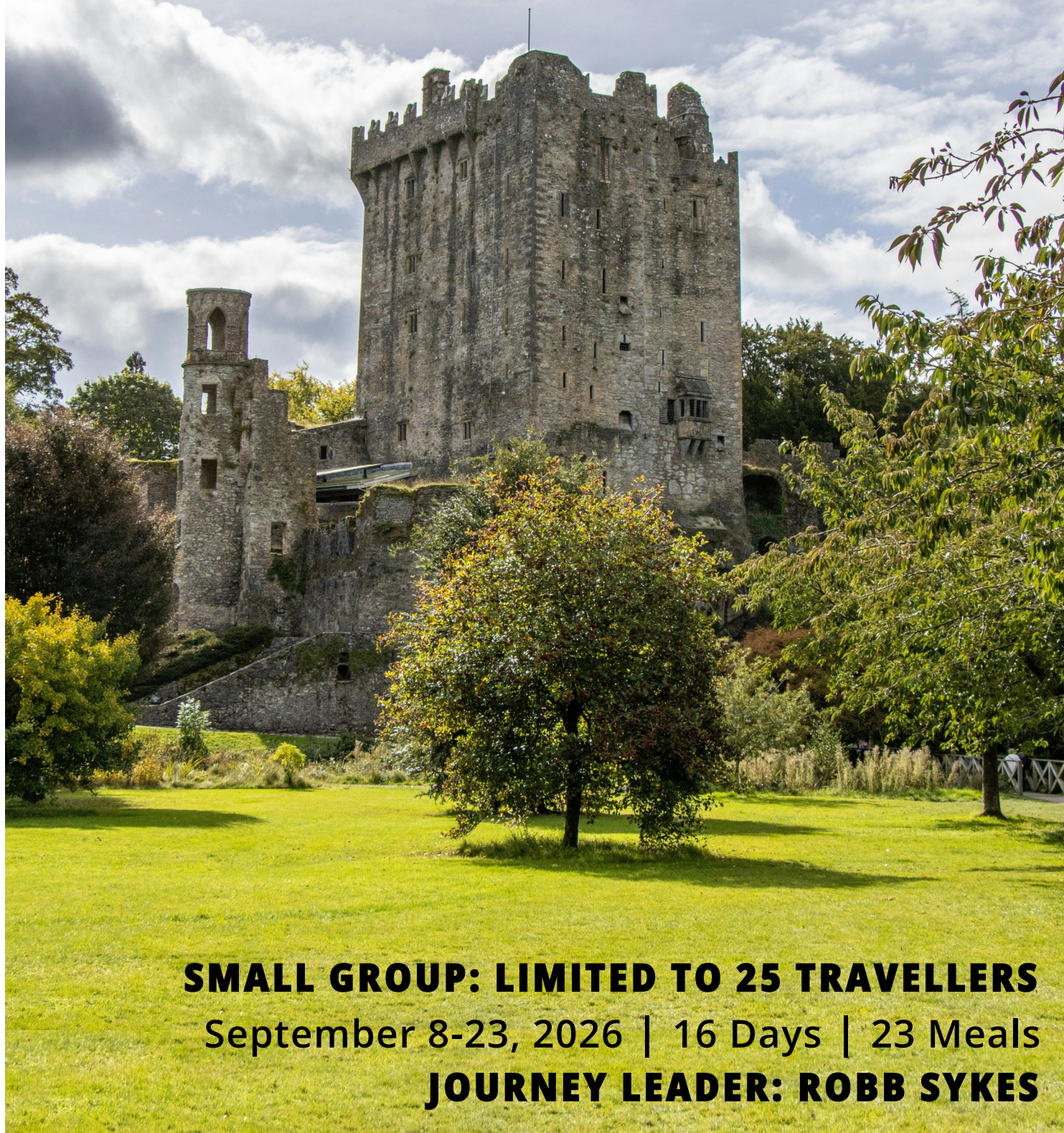




BEST OF **IRELAND**

BOOK BY OCT 31, 2025
SAVE \$200 PP



SMALL GROUP: LIMITED TO 25 TRAVELLERS

September 8-23, 2026 | 16 Days | 23 Meals

JOURNEY LEADER: ROBB SYKES

The historic Blamey Castle

Welcome to the Emerald Isle, a land of legends and charismatic people. On this journey, you'll discover that history is always just around the corner, from the lively energy of its great cities to the timeless rural heartlands. Here, you will feel the power of the dramatic Cliffs of Moher, trace the coastline of the stunning Dingle Peninsula, and walk in the footsteps of giants at the Giant's Causeway. New for this tour, you will witness a sheepdog demonstration, step back in time at Muckcross Farms, and raise a glass of Guinness. This is an in-depth tour designed to truly connect you with the easy-going spirit of the Irish.

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For a truly immersive experience

Tour Highlights

- Discover Ireland's great cities with panoramic tours and guided walks in Dublin, Belfast, Londonderry/Derry, and Galway
- Marvel at iconic landscapes: the Giant's Causeway, the Cliffs of Moher, the Aran Islands, and the Ring of Kerry
- Explore legendary estates with visits to Blarney Castle, Kilemore Abbey, and Powerscourt Gardens
- Step into history with tours at Titanic Belfast, Crumlin Road Gaol, Museum of Country Life and Ulster Folk Park
- Witness master craftsmanship at the House of Waterford Crystal and Belleek Pottery
- Immerse yourself in authentic Irish life during a captivating sheepdog demonstration, a traditional evening of storytelling, and the National Stud
- Celebrate with entertainment at a medieval banquet in Bunratty Castle and the famous Merry Ploughboy Pub
- Cruise Lough Corrib and sail beneath the Cliffs of Moher
- Enjoy a pint at Guinness and a baking demo in Dingle

Inclusive Features

- Return economy group airfare from Canada to Dublin
- First-class accommodation as indicated or similar
- 23 meals included as noted in the itinerary (B - 14 Irish breakfasts, D - 9 dinners)
- All gratuities, surcharges, taxes and fees for inclusions
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value with purchase of group airfare
- Services of your journey leader and local driver/guides
- All sightseeing and entrance fees as described

Journey Leader

Robb Sykes is lead pastor of the Upper Room Christian Fellowship in Orangeville, Ontario, part of the Catch the Fire network. He entered full-time ministry after a career in management consulting, banking, and running small businesses, and has long been active in charity, volunteering, and mission work. His wife, Kolleen, works with Family Transition Place, Orangeville's women's shelter, and also facilitates parenting and relationship programs. They have travelled to Israel, the UK, Italy, Kenya, Australia, New Zealand, and South America, and look forward to sharing their next journey with all who join them.



SEP 8, Tuesday

DEPART CANADA

Travellers gather in Toronto for our flight to Dublin.

SEP 9, Wednesday

DUBLIN / BELFAST

Your Irish adventure begins with a warm greeting from your driver/guide in Dublin. We journey north to Belfast, a city whose maritime spirit is captured by its unique symbol, the seahorse. Here you'll discover its legendary landmarks and storied streets on an insightful orientation drive. After settling into our hotel, we'll gather for a welcome reception, a perfect chance to meet your fellow travellers before dinner. **Holiday Inn Belfast** (2 nights) D

SEP 10, Thursday

BELFAST

A guided tour of Belfast will take you from the Grand Opera House to the Stormont Buildings, and alongside its poignant and famous murals. Then, in a new addition to our itinerary, we'll step inside the imposing walls of the Crumlin Road Gaol. During a self-guided visit, you will uncover 150 years of compelling history within this Victorian-era prison. The afternoon is dedicated to the legend of the Titanic. At the spectacular Titanic Belfast, you'll explore ten immersive galleries and walk the decks of the SS Nomadic, the original tender ship. B

SEP 11, Friday GIANT'S CAUSEWAY / LONDONDERRY/DERRY

This morning, a scenic route takes us through the coastal villages of Carrickfergus and Carnlough and past the dramatic Glens of Antrim. Our destination is the Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here you will learn the myths and geology behind the 40,000 hexagonal basalt columns that tumble into the wild Atlantic Ocean. After soaking in this natural wonder, we continue to the historic city of Londonderry/Derry to check in, freshen up, and enjoy dinner together. **The Ebrington Hotel** (2 nights) BD

SEP 12, Saturday OMAGH / LONDONDERRY/DERRY

Explore the Ulster American Folk Park in Omagh, an open-air museum telling the story of Irish emigration in the 18th and 19th centuries. Returning to Londonderry/Derry, you will join a local guide for a walk atop the formidable 17th-century walls, the only ones still fully intact in Northern Ireland. Hear the powerful stories of this resilient city before an evening at your leisure. B

SEP 13, Sunday SLIGO / TURLOUGH PARK / WESTPORT

Visit Belleek Pottery for a private, behind-the-scenes look at how skilled artisans have crafted its famous fine china since 1857. Next, journey into County Sligo, the heart of 'Yeats Country,' through Collooney and Tubbercurry. At the National Museum of Country Life in Turlough Park, discover the fascinating story of rural Irish life from 1850 to 1950, before continuing to Westport for dinner.

Castlecourt Hotel Westport (2 nights)

BD

SEP 14, Monday CONNEMARA / WESTPORT

A spectacular drive awaits today, taking you along the Murrisk Peninsula at the foot of Ireland's holy mountain, Croagh Patrick. Arriving at Kylemore Abbey, one of the country's most romantic landmarks nestled at the edge of a tranquil lake, you will have time to explore the Abbey's elegant interior, the beautiful neo-Gothic Church, and the timeless six-acre Victorian Walled Garden.

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SEP 15, Tuesday GALWAY / MEDIEVAL BANQUET

This morning, take to the water for a historic cruise on Lough Corrib, Ireland's largest lake. You'll take in stunning views of the Connemara mountains and the magnificent Ashford Castle. Back on land, the day continues to the vibrant city of Galway. After free time for lunch, a local guide will lead you on a walking tour through the city's winding streets, introducing you to its colourful history and bustling arts scene. The evening is highlighted by a medieval banquet at the iconic Bunratty Castle, where you'll enjoy dinner and wine accompanied by traditional Irish song and dance in the castle's Great Hall.

Greenhills Hotel (2 nights)

BD

SEP 16, Wednesday ARAN ISLANDS / CLIFFS OF MOHER

Travel along the Wild Atlantic Way to the village of Doolin, where you'll board a ferry to Inis Oirr, the smallest of the Aran Islands. After a guided walk exploring its unique stone-walled fields and beaches, the return cruise offers a truly special perspective of the Cliffs of Moher. From the water, you will grasp the colossal scale of these world-famous cliffs, which soar up to 214 metres (702 feet) from the Atlantic. Back on land, you'll experience their majesty again from the top, walking the paved pathways of the Visitor Centre for panoramic views that make this one of Ireland's most cherished landmarks.

BD

SEP 17, Thursday DINGLE PENINSULA / KILLARNEY

Prepare for a day of breathtaking beauty as you drive the Dingle Peninsula, with scenery memorably captured in the film *Ryan's Daughter*. Travelling via Tralee, your route explores the dramatic Sleah Head Drive, passing through charming villages like Anascaul and the colourful fishing town of Dingle. Here, a treat awaits at the Dingle Cookery School, where you'll watch a live demonstration of Irish bread and scone making with tastings. Later, continue to the vibrant town of Killarney. After dinner, gather in a cozy, traditional pub for a captivating evening of Irish storytelling.

Brook Lodge Hotel (2 nights)

BD

SEP 18, Friday RING OF KERRY / MUCKROSS FARM

Immerse yourself in the heart of the Irish countryside today with two brand-new, authentic experiences. First, you'll be treated to a sheepdog demonstration, a true spectacle of rural life. The journey continues with breathtaking scenery on the Ring of Kerry, driving through stunning mountain passes like Molls Gap and past colourful towns like Kenmare, Sneem and Dromlusk. Then, at Muckross Farms, you'll step into 1930s Ireland. Highlights of this



The colourful fishing town of Dingle



The impressive Giant's Causeway



Ireland is home to thousands of traditional pubs



Ireland's dramatic Cliffs of Moher

living museum include meeting the 'Bean an Ti' (lady of the house) where she bakes bread over an open fire, seeing butter making and a blacksmith at his forge, admiring vintage farm machinery, and even learning a few words of the Irish language. B

SEP 19, Saturday BLARNEY / WATERFORD / KILKENNY
Drive through Macroom to Blarney Castle for the chance to kiss the fabled stone, said to bestow the "gift of the gab." After free time, the day continues via Cork City to the House of Waterford Crystal. A guided tour takes you behind the scenes to witness master artisans transform molten glass into sparkling masterpieces, revealing the entire process from blowing and cutting to the final intricate engraving. The day concludes with our arrival in Kilkenny, just in time for dinner. **River Court Hotel** (1 night) BD

SEP 20, Sunday NATIONAL STUD / DUBLIN
The morning is free to discover Kilkenny, a city famed for its medieval heritage and unique dark limestone, earning it the nickname 'The Marble City'. You might choose to visit Kilkenny Castle, or wander the laneways of the Medieval Mile. Then, we continue via Carlow to the prestigious Irish National Stud. Here, you'll see champion stallions and explore the fascinating Horse Museum and gardens. The final leg of our journey takes us to Dublin, Ireland's lively capital. **Trinity City Hotel** (3 nights) BD

SEP 21, Monday DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY
Get ready to embrace the unique character of Dublin with a panoramic tour showcasing the elegant Georgian squares, the famous Spire on O'Connell Street, and the River Liffey. The tour includes a visit to the historic St. Patrick's Cathedral, the final resting place of Jonathan Swift, author of Gulliver's Travels. Next, visit the Guinness Storehouse, home of "the black stuff." On a self-guided visit, you'll learn the story behind Ireland's brew before enjoying a perfectly poured pint in the Gravity Bar, which offers spectacular 360-degree views over Dublin. The rest of the day is yours to experience the city at your own pace. B

SEP 22, Tuesday DUBLIN
A morning drive brings you to the magnificent Powerscourt Estate, where you'll admire some of the finest gardens in Europe. Discover the striking beauty of the formal Italian Garden, walk the winding paths of the Japanese Garden, and marvel at the incredible variety within the Walled Garden. After lunch on your own at the estate's Avoca Café, return to Dublin for a free afternoon. For our farewell evening, we gather one last time at the popular Merry Ploughboy Pub. It's the perfect setting to raise a glass with new friends, share memories of our adventure, and enjoy a fantastic dinner accompanied by a high-spirited show of Irish music, song, and dance. BD

SEP 23, Wednesday DUBLIN / CANADA
All too soon, our journey must draw to a close as we say farewell to our Irish friends and fly home to Canada. B

CT Rating 3/5 - Moderately Challenging: This coach tour is designed as a leisurely, in-depth experience with two or three nights at most hotels. To cover the breadth of the Irish landscape, some travel days will be longer; however, they are punctuated by scenic or cultural stops to ensure a comfortable pace. Members should also be aware that the journey includes a number of longer walks, some over uneven terrain and with changes in elevation.



**Book by October 31, 2025
and save \$200 per person**



Tour Cost in Canadian Dollars Per Person

Land Only (Join Belfast hotel / Leave Dublin hotel).....	\$8,995
Toronto	\$9,995
Ottawa / Montreal	\$10,145
Halifax.....	\$10,245
St. John's / Winnipeg.....	\$10,285
Saskatoon / Regina	\$10,375
Calgary / Edmonton / Vancouver	\$10,295
Victoria.....	\$10,375
Single Supplement	\$2,725

Land only members join at the hotel in Belfast and leave at the hotel in Dublin. Tour price is based on sharing a twin-bedded room. Prices are based on a minimum of 15 members and on rates, taxes and fees effective September 2025 and are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. Group to be escorted with a minimum of 15 group members.

Airfares from other gateways are available on request. Airfares and air carriers are subject to change and will be confirmed prior to final payment. Refer to inclusive features for more details.

Insurance is NOT INCLUDED but is highly recommended. Premiums are calculated based on the individual's age, destination (country), trip length, and trip booking window – please contact our staff to receive a quote. Your coverage starts on the effective date of your confirmation of coverage. Please discuss your insurance coverage prior to booking. Check our website for the most current information and for terms and conditions.

**Deposit is \$700 per person
Final payment is due May 6, 2026**

To reserve your spot on this tour, book online through our website or submit an enrollment form with your deposit to:

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